

Rebuch
Orders issued.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
Commander of his Maj. Ship the Roebuck

Our want to directions, from Commodore Colburn
You are hereby required and directed to supply his Maj.
Naval Officer at Halifax with the undenominated empt,
Bread & butter &c.

Hogsheads woodbun ————— Sixty eight N.
Panel D ————— One

for the use of the Greening Yard, taking his receipt
for the same. Given under my hand on board

This Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Halifax the 11th January 1776

To Mr. James Mason
Purser of his Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck

A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
Commander of his Maj. Ship Roebuck

Mr. James Mason Purser of his Majesty's
Ship under my command has represented to me by
letter of this date, that there are on board a quantity
of Butter & Cheese, stinking and Rotten, and unfit
for Men to eat, and desires that a Survey may be
had thereon.

You are therefore hereby required and
directed to take a strict and careful Survey on
the Butter and Cheese complained of, and if you
find them as represented, you are to see the Cheese
thrown overboard into the Sea, and the Butter
delivered into the charge of the Boatwain for the

Ship

Ships use, reporting to me from under your hands, your
proceedings thereon, when and where received and to
what cause you judge their defects: for which this shall
be your order. Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

The Master
of Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

By Andrew Hapet Hammond Esq.
Lt.

Pursuant to an order from Com. A. B. Hutchinson
You are hereby required and directed to
Supply the Purser of his Majesty's Ship the Somerset
with one thousand six hundred pieces of Beef, and
take proper receipts for the Same; for which this shall
be your order. Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship Roebuck at Halifax the
2 November 1775.

A. Hammond

W. James Mason
Purser of his Maj. Ship
the
Roebuck

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
commander of his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck.

Pursuant to an order from Commodore
Arbuthnot. You are hereby required and directed
to supply the Gunner of his Majesty's Ship the Senegal
with twenty five pounds of Match, taking proper
receipts for the same, for which this shall be your
order. Given under my hand on board his Maj:
Ship the Roebuck at Halifax the 3 November 1775

A. Hammond
M^r. Christopher Farlam
Gunner of his Maj^y Ship
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
Pursuant to an order from Commodore
Arbuthnot. You are hereby required and directed
to supply the Gunner of his Majesty's Ship the
Tovey with fifty pounds of Match, taking
proper receipts for the same: for which this shall
be your order. Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship Roebuck at Halifax the
8th November 1775. A. Hammond

M^r. Chris. Farlam
Gunner of his Maj^y Ship
Roebuck

By Andrew Shapland Esq.
Commander of his Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck.

In consequence of orders from Vice Admiral
Graves: You are hereby required and directed to put
yourself under my command and follow all such orders
and directions as you shall from time to time receive
from me for his Majesty's Service. Given under
my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at Virginia the 9th February 1776.

Respective Captains
of his Majesty's Ships
The

A. Hammond

Liverpool, del. 9 Feb. 1776 of distinctional signals
Otter - - - - -

Captain James Kingsfisher, del. 9 Feb. 1776 of distinctional signals -
who sup. Montagu had the same 18 Feb. 1776

Others Tender - the ^{L. John Wright} ^{2nd time} ~~Del.~~ distinctional signals
Tourey - Montagu, 1st May 1776. D. d. 2 & 8 -

By Andrew Shapland Esq.

In consequence of orders from Vice Admiral
Graves. You are hereby required and directed to observe
and punctually obey and follow his additional Orders and
directions, during the present Rebellion, or untill you
receive contrary orders from me, or any other your
Superior Officer viz^t

You are to Seize (see those additional orders
from Commodore Arbuthnot &c.) Given under my
hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Virginia the 13th February 1776 -

Capt. Montagu
Kingsfisher
N Bowerby's account is to be sent to the Roebuck every morning
Virginia

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
gc. gc. c.

You are hereby required and directed to put
in execution those orders you have received from
Captain Squire to escort the Cruizers Tender to Cape
Fear, giving her Lieutenant orders to put himself
under your command, and having so done, to
return to this place with all possible dispatch.

Given under my hand on board
his Majestys Ship the Roebuck at
Virginia the 9th February 1776.

To
Lieut. John Wright
commander of the others Tender
the Belsey

A. Hammond
By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
commander of his M^{ty} Ship the Roebuck

You are hereby required and directed to use
all possible dispatch in completing his Majestys
Ship under your command for Sea, and having
so done to proceed without loss of time down to
Hampton Road, and wait there for further
orders. Given under my hand on board His

Majestys Ship the Roebuck at Norfolk
in Virginia the 14th February 1776

To
Captain Montagu
commander of his Majestys Sloop
the Kingsfisher

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. &c. &c.
You are hereby required and directed to Supply the
Purser of His Majesty's Sloop the Kingfisher with the
quantity of Provisions &c. undermentioned viz^t

Bread ----- One thousand five hundred lbs

Pease ----- Eight Bushels

Shoe Shoes ----- Fifty Pairs

taking proper Receipts for the same. Given under my
hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

W. James Mason at Hampton Road in Virginia the 15th Feb^y 1776
Purser of his Majesty's Ship
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. &c. &c.
You are hereby required and directed to Supply
the Gunner of his Majesty's Sloop the Kingfisher with
the quantity of Ordnance Stores undermentioned; viz^t

Powder ----- Five Bar. N.

Paper Cartridge 6 P^{rs} ----- One hundred

Match ----- Twenty eight P^{rs}

taking proper receipts for the same. Given under my
hand on board his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck at Hampton Road in Virginia the

W. Chr. Farlam 15th February 1776
Gunner of his M^y Ship
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to
Supply the Carpenter of his Majesty's Ship the
Kingfisher with the quantity of Stores undermentioned
viz^t

1000 Nails: 2000 — Four
 20 — Four
 10 — Four
 4 — Two

Triplates Single — Six N°

Leather Squared — Half a lb

Taking proper receipts for the same: Given under
 my hand on board his Majesty's Ship
 the Roebuck at Hampton Road in Virginia
 the 11th February 1776.

Mr John Mackie
 Carpenter of his Maj^y Ship

the Roebuck

A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
 Captain of his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
 and commanding officer in Virginia.

In consequence of the application you
 have made to me by letter of this days date, setting
 forth that Tobias Verdier Boatwain of his Maj^y
 Sloop under your command, who you had some
 time since suspended for neglect of duty, has lately
 shewn great courage and alacrity on several
 occasions in subduing the Rebels, and had received
 a dangerous wound on that service; Likewise enclosing
 a letter from him, expressing his sense of his error, &
 promise of future good behaviour, You are hereby required
 and directed to restore the Said Boatwain to his duty.

Captain Squire
 of His M^y Sloop the
 Otter

Given under my hand on board his Maj^y
 Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk in Virginia the 16th
 Feb^y 1776 A. Hammond

Mem

Gooback off Norfolk the 18th Feb 1776

A Court martial will be held to morrow morning
at Eight o'clock on board his Majesty's ship the Roebuck
To The Respective Captains
of his Majesty's ships the
Liverpool
Mercury
Otter
Kingfisher

By Andrew Sharp Hamond Esq. Capt.

You are hereby required and directed to carry into execution such part of Vice Admiral Graves order of the 12th of January to Captain Grane (a copy of which you will herewith receive) that is not already executed; and also to observe and follow all those general orders and Instructions which you received from Admiral Graves, whilst Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Kingfisher;

Given under my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Rockingham off Norfolk in Virginia the 1st Feb^r 1776

A S Hamond

To
Captain Montagu
commander of his Majesty's Ship

The Mercury

(See the order)

By Samuel Graves Esq. Vice Admiral of the White and commander in chief of his Majesty's Ships and vessels employed in North America.

As soon as Major General Clinton is embarked and ready to depart; You are hereby required and directed to repair with him in his Majesty's Ship under your command to New York where having remained such time as the General thinks necessary for the service he is upon, you are to proceed with him to Virginia, or to any port or place along the continent that Major General Clinton shall find expedient for his Majesty's Service to touch at. And as the success of the expedition will in a great measure depend upon the punctual and ready assistance of his

His Majesty's

Majesty's Ships; You are therefore hereby required and directed
most heartily to grant every aid in your power of Men,
Boats, and Stores, (without regard to any distinction of duties)
to Major General Clinton and to all other his Majesty's
Land officers in their intended operations against the
Rebels.

You are to continue upon this service
with the Major General Clinton untill you receive contrary
directions from my self or any other your Superior Officer.
For all other orders I refer you to my General and
additional Orders and Instructions.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Reston at Boston

the 12th January 1776

To

Sam^l Graves

Captain Grane
commander of his Majesty's Ship
Mercury, or to the commander of
the Said Ship for the time being.

By command of the Admiral
J. G. G. G. G.

Copy 19th Jan^y 1776

att^d A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r
gc^a gc^a.

Lieutenant Order of his Majesty's Ship
under my command having in december last, when
commanding officer on board, confined Mr Joseph
Steuila the Boatswain for disobedience of orders, contempt
to his Superior officer and for mutinous expressions, whose
trial has been hitherto delayed for want of a sufficient
number

number of Captains; That circumstance being
now removed by the arrival of his Majesty's Ship
the Mercury: You are hereby required and directed
to assemble with me on board the Roebuck tomorrow
morning and hold a Court martial to try the said
Boatswain for the offences he stands charged with
agreeable to the Act of Parliament

To Captain Bellem
Montagu
Squire
Grave

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off
Norfolk in Virginia the 18th Feb^r 1776
A. Hammond

By And^{ro} Snappham Esq^r

In consequence of a letter from Captain
George Montagu of this date acquainting me of his
being appointed by Admiral Graves to command his
Maj^r Ship the Mercury, and begging I will be pleased
to give an order to discharge the men named in the
Margin from his M^r Sloop the Kingfisher into his. You
are hereby required and directed to Discharge them
into the Mercury accordingly. ~~of your order~~
~~of your order~~ Taking care to comply with late
Act of Parliament Given under my hand on

To
Captain Grave
Kingfisher
board his Maj^r Ship the Roebuck off
Norfolk in Virginia the 20th Feb^r 1776

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

Captain Squire having acquainted me by letter of this date that, Mr. Frederick Munay has acted as Surgeons Mate of his Majesty's Sloop under his command by order from the 3^d August last, and has never past his examination, which he is desirous of doing: You are hereby required and directed to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck to Morrow and examine the said Mr. Munay accordingly for any of his Majesty's Irish Patients; giving unto him such certificate as you shall find him to deserve, and report to me from under your hands what you shall do therein.

GIVEN under my hand &c on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk
in Virginia the 21st Feb^r 1776
J. S. Hammond

To The Surgeons of his
Maj^y Ship, the ^{Roeback} Liverpool
and Otter Sloop

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

Whereas Mr. John Goodridge has represented to me that a Slave of his named John King, is on board his Majesty's Sloop under your command.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the said John King from his Majesty's Sloop the Kingfisher accordingly by.

GIVEN under my hand
on board his Majesty's Ship Roebuck
off Norfolk in Virginia the 23^d Feb^r 1776

Captain Grame
of his Majesty's Sloop

the Kingfisher

A. S. Hammond

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By Andrew Inapittamond Esq.
Captain of his Majesty's Ship Roebuck
and commanding officer in Virginia.

Whereas I have received intelligence that there is at Roques Harbour (about to the Southward of Cape Charles) a Bermudan Sloop, which lately brought Gunpowder into this Country, for the Supply of the Rebels, and is now Lading with Flour. You are hereby required and directed to take the Roebuck's Tender under your command, and proceed in his Majesty's Sloop under your command off that place, and if it appears that there is not a sufficient depth of Water for the Kingfisher, to go into the harbour, you are to send the Tender, assisted by your Boats, and use your best endeavours to take or destroy the said Sloop and any vessel you shall find in the harbour. As soon as this service is effected (which is only intended and desired to be performed in case opportunity of fair weather should offer) you are most strictly enjoined to lose no time in proceeding to the mouth of the River Delaware, and use every Act and Stratagem in your power to obtain as many Pilots for that River as you possibly can, also as much information concerning the Fortifications and Machines which are placed to obstruct the Navigation to Philadelphia, as you may be able to learn; and having to your utmost executed this important Service, you are to Dispatch the Tender Back to Virginia, and give me an account of your

proceedings. You are also to seize and detain all
American vessels whatever and send them to me for
examination, likewise all other vessels you may meet with
who are attempting to carry on any commerce with America.

You are likewise to annoy the Rebels by every
means in your power, and to continue cruising at the
Mouth of the Delaware, untill another ship can be sent
to relieve you, or untill you may be obliged by unavoidable
necessity to quit that Station, when you are to return here
and join me at this place. Given under my hand on

board His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
off Norfolk in Virginia the 23^d Feb^r 1776

Captain Graeme

commander of his Maj^y Sloop

Kingsfisher

Boy Andrew Snape Hamond Esq^r of 24th

Whereas by a certificate from the Surgeons of His Majesty's
Ships the Roebuck, Liverpool and Otter Sloop of this date; I am
informed of your ability and fitness to serve as a Surgeons
Mate of any of His Majesty's Ships of the first Rate. You
are hereby required and directed to repair on board His
Majesty's Sloop the Otter as Surgeons Mate and there officiate
in all things proper to the duty of your place, as becometh
you during the present intended voyage; and to be obed^t
unto such commands as you shall from time to time receive
from your Captain, or other your superior officer: as also to the
Surgeon of the Said Sloop for the time being; for which this
shall be your Warrant: Given under my hand on board

His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
off Norfolk in Virginia the 22^d Feb^r 1776

To
M. Fred^d Murray
Surgeon's Mate
of his Maj^y Sloop the
Otter

By Andrew Ingham Hammond Esq. of

Having received intelligence that there are two armed vessels belonging to the Rebels which lately escorted some others laden with Flour down the Chesapeake Bay, ^{and} are now supposed to be laying off Baltimore. You are therefore hereby required and directed to use all possible dispatch in getting his Majesty's Ship under your command ready for the Sea, to take with you the Liverpool's Tender, which is now cruising about the Capes, and proceed immediately up the Bay to Baltimore in search of the abovementioned Pirates, to pursue them wherever you may get intelligence of them, and to use every means in your power to take or destroy them.

When you arrive off Baltimore and should not be fortunate enough to meet with the Rebel Privateers, you are to endeavour to cut out of the harbour any vessels you may suspect to be laden with any kind of Provisions or that have the appearance of being proper for arming; and in case you should be obstructed in so doing, by the Town of Baltimore, you are immediately to fire upon the Town, and do your utmost to destroy it. And whereas it is reported that the Rebels have erected a Battery on a point which commands the Mouth of the River leading to Baltimore; should that prove to be so, and appear to be such that, it cannot possibly be destroyed with your force, you will in that case content yourself with taking an exact Survey of it, rather than expose his Majesty's Arms to an insult.

And whereas his Majesty's Ships on the

Station

Station are in great want of Provisions, particularly fresh Meat; When the above services shall have been effected, you will consult with M. Goodridge (who is to accompany you with an Armed Sloop) and use your best endeavours to procure a quantity of live Stock; And where ever you find the inhabitants disposed to Supply you, you are to pay them ready money for everything you take from them; But if they refuse to do so you are then to take it by force of Arms.

You are to annoy the Rebels by every means in your power, and to Seize and detain all American Vessels you may meet with, as well as those of any other Country that may be Trading with the Americans, and send them to me for examination.

Upon your return you are to call at Annapolis, and deliver the enclosed Packet to Governor Eden.

It is expected that you perform these services with as much expedition as possible, and by no means to be absent longer than 14 Days if it can be avoided when you are to join me in Hampton Road.

Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off

Norfolk in Virginia the 26th Feb^r 1776

A. S. Hammond

To
Captain Squier
Commander of his Maj^{ty} Ship
Otter

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

As the Agents to the Contractor are no longer
able to supply his Majesty's Ships and vessels in this
province, with any specie of Provisions: You are therefore
hereby required and directed to order the Purser of his
Majesty's Ship under your command, to Purchase Provisions
of all species; and this you are to see done with the
utmost frugality, taking care that the same shall be
good and wholesome, and in every respect fitting for his
Majesty's Navy; And to draw Bill on the Commissioners
of the Victualling for the payment thereof, untill further
order.

Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off Norfolk
in Virginia the 27th February 1776.

To
Captain Bellow
commander of his Maj^y Ship the
Liverpool

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

You are hereby required and directed to
discharge ten Seamen from the Supernumerary
List of his Majesty's Sloop under your command
into the Roebuck, taking care to comply with
the late act of Parliament.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at Hampton Road in Virginia the
6th March 1776

To
Captain Crane
commander of his Maj^y's Sloop
Kingfisher

A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
Jc^o Jc^o

You are hereby required and directed to cause
the Purser of his Majesty's Sloop under your command
to supply the Purser of the Liverpool with the undermentioned
species of Provisions viz^t

Beef ——— Seven hundred pieces
Pork ——— Eleven hundred pieces

and to take proper receipts for the Same.

Given under my hand on board his
Maj^y Ship the Roebuck at Hampton Road
in Virginia the 7th March 1776.

Captain Graeme
commander of his Maj^y Sloop
the Kingfisher

A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. Jc^o Jc^o

You are hereby required and directed to discharge
the Virginia Pilot from the Books of his Majesty's Sloop under
your command into the Roebuck, taking care to comply
with the late act of Parliament.

Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Hampton Road in Virginia the 7th March

1776.

A. S. Hammond

Captain Graeme
commander of his Maj^y Sloop
the Kingfisher

By Andrew Inape Hammond Esq. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the
Gunner of his Majesty's Sloop under your command to
Supply the Gunner of the Roebuck with the underment
Stows viz.

Empty Powder Barrels - Four N.
Copper hoops to D - Sixteen

and to take receipts for the same.

Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at Hampton
Road in Virginia the 7th Month 1776

A S Hammond

Captain Greene
Commander of his Majesty's Sloop

the Kingsfisher

By Andrew Inape Hammond Esq. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to
proceed to Sea immediately with the Tender, Lord Howe
under your comm^d, and cruise off the Mouth of the
River Delaware, placing yourself in the best manner
you can to intercept any Vessels going in or coming
out of Philadelphia, which you are to seize and detain,
and send round to Norfolk.

And whereas I have ordered the Kingsfisher
Sloop to the Same Station, you are, while you
may happen to be together, to put yourself under
Captain Greene's command, and to use your
utmost endeavours to procure as many Pilots for
the River Delaware and the Coast as you possibly
can.

For

You are to continue on this Station for ten days, when
you are to return and join me here, and in case of not
finding the Roebuck in Hampton Road, to proceed again
to the mouth of the Delaware, where the Roebuck will in all
probability be cruising, and anchor in New Hill road.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's said Ship the 7th March 1776

Lieut. Orde, commanding A. Hammond
the Lord Howe's Tender

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r.

You are hereby required and directed to put to sea
without a moments loss of time in His Majesty's Sloop
under your command and proceed with all possible
expedition to Boston, where you are to deliver the enclosed
Packet to Rear Admiral Shuldham or the commanding
officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels there, waiting
his orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at Hamp-
ton Road in Virginia the 8th Mar 1776

A. Hammond

Captain Graves
commander of His Maj^y
Sloop the
Kingfisher
Mem^o

Roebuck at Cape Henlopen the
29th March 1776

Enclosed Captain Betts a copy of
Admiral Graves Private Signals, and appointed

W. Philips 3^d Lieutenant in the Room of S. Bell taken by the Rebels.
The same day W. Geo. Edwards had an order to act as Lieut. in the Room of
S. Bell.

29 March 1776

By Andrew Inap Hammond Esq^r
commander of his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck and senior Officer of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Virginia
and in the River Delaware.

M^r James Simmins Being appointed Boatswⁿ
of his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck: You are hereby req^d
and directed to repair on board the said Ship and
there take a strict and careful Survey on the
Remains of Boatswains Stores in the charge of
M^r Alexander Forbes the present acting Boatswain,
and Transfer them into the custody of M^r James
Simmins aforesaid; Reporting to me from under your
hand your proceedings therein.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in Moorhill Road Delaware Bay
the 3^d May 1776.

A Hammond

To
The Master of the Roebuck
and Boatswains of the Liverpool
and Fowey —

By Andrew Bapatnam Esq. Secy.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without loss of time with his Majesty's Ship under your command to Virginia, where you are to take the Otter Sloop under your command, and consulting with his Excellency the Earl of Dummore (to whom you are to give every sort of Protection and assistance that may be in your power) to station the Ships so as best to frustrate the designs of the enemy, and at the same time so as to give the surest protection to the Lines at Tuckers Mills, and to the Friends of Government who have taken shelter on board Vessels in Elizabeth River.

You are to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Lord Dummore; and to send the Nautilus or Otters Tender to Cape Fear with those Stores you have on board for the Quaker Sloop, as soon as possible.

The Victuallers sent out to His Majesty's Fleet in America not having yet arrived at Halifax renders it necessary that you should make the provisions you have remaining on board last as long as possible; you are therefore to victual your Ships company as best you can till a further Supply can be had.

You are most earnestly required to keep a strict watch over the motions of the Enemy, and by a constant Guard to prevent any designs they may put in execution against you, by sending down fire rafts &c. and to exert the force under your direction

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to the utmost, for the advantage of His Majesty's Service.
You are to remain on this duty, until further order,
or until another Ship shall arrive that may be
left to perform that Service, when you are immediately
to join me in the River Delaware

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the *Rocbuck*
in Woodkill Road Delaware Bay the
4th May 1776 —
A. J. Hammond

To
Captain Montagu
commander of his Majesty's
Ship the *Fox*

By Andrew Sharp Hammond Esq.
Lieut. &c. &c.

Whereas the service on which the Squadron
under my command is employed, requires not only
the utmost exertion against the enemy, but also the
strictest vigilance and alertness to evade any attempt
that may be made in the night time to destroy His
Majesty's Ships by fire Rafts &c. &c. and although I
have the fullest confidence in the conduct and zeal
of the officers serving with me, yet I think it
necessary at the time I am giving Orders for the
safety and defense of the Ships in the night time
to declare to them, that whoever shall distinguish
himself in the performance of any Service under my
command may rely most fully on my unvaried
endeavours to obtain them ample rewards for their merits.

and

And on the other hand to assure them that, every neglect will be as strictly enquired after.

You are therefore hereby required to make the above known to the officers of his Majesty's Ship under your command and punctually to observe the following directions to prevent any surprise from the enemy.

Every Ship is to keep the Station allotted her for the night, for which purpose a signal will be made in the evening; And if none should be made, then each Ship is to remain in the Station she was in the night before: The Cable is to be brought too ready for weighing the Anchor, in case of a Signal being made for that purpose; or that it may be absolutely necessary to move for the safety of the Ship: A Spring is also to be stowed along on each side ready to fix to the Cable, in order to bring the Guns to bear upon any particular point; The Sails are to be furled with Rope Yarns, and the Ship is to be kept constantly clear for action, particularly in the night time; The Guns are to be loaded with round and Grape Shot, and kept primed, with two charges of Powder for each Gun brought up at Sun Set.

The Ships company are to be kept at 3^d Watch and each Man of the Watch is to be Armed: A Boat from each Ship is constantly to Row Guard during the Night from the Setting of the Watch until the Gun fires in the morning: They are to repair on board the Roebuck in the evening for Orders, and to make their report at 8 o'clock in the morning.

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They are to be provided with Arms and false fires, also
a small Anchor and hawser, and the hand and chain fire
grapnel, and to be relieved once during the night.

GIVEN under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off
Whitington Creek River Delaware
the 8 May 1776—

To
Captain Bellew
Commander of His Maj^y Ship the
Liverpool

J. J. Hamonde

Instructions & Signals for the Guard Boats &c.

In case they should discover any object moving
on the water, and not be able to judge immediately what
it is, they are then to shew a light, open only in that
direction in which the ships are, and so as not to
be perceived by the enemy. They are then immediately
to row towards it, and as soon as they can plainly
discern it to be the enemy, They are to burn a false
light, and fire a musquet, which the Ships will
answer by shewing a light; When the Boats are
immediately to pursue, and use their best endeavours
to take the vessel; But if it shall be found to be a fire
raft, or any machine intended to annoy the Ships,
The Boats will then burn two false fires, And all
the Boats of the Squadron will be immediately sent
to their assistance in towing off the Fire stage or bring-
ing it to an Anchor, as may be found most practicable.

4 Lights at the Ensign staff } For all Boats Manned and Armed
one over the other }
2 Lights, one at each Loop } When I should have the Guard Boats
Jack yard arm } repair on board the Reebuck.
2 Guns, fired quick w. } For the Squadron to Ship.
Several false fires }
J. S. H.

By Andrew Sharp Hammond Esq.
You are hereby required and directed to proceed
to Sea without loss of time with his Majesty's Sloop under
your command and cruise off of the Capes of Virginia,
and from thence to Hampton Road, taking care to place
your ship in the Best situation for speaking with all
vessels bound in or going out.

And whereas his Excellency the Earl of Dunmore
has acquainted me that, he is in daily expectation
of the arrival of a Brig laden with Provisions from
the West Indies for the use of the Troops under his
Lordships command, and as it is of the highest
consequence that she should be informed of the
removal of the Fleet from Norfolk; You are to
keep a particular look out for the Said Vessel, and if
you are so fortunate as to meet with her, you will
conduct her safe to this place.

You are to remain on this Service for fourteen
days, unless I should find it necessary for his
Majesty's Service to recall you sooner.

Given

173. Del. the new Private
Signals, same time

Given under my hand on Board his
Majestys Ship the Roebuck off of
Gwins Island, Chesapeake bay - Virginia
20 May 1776.

To Captain Squire
commander of his Maj.^{ty} Sloop
the Otter

A. S. Hammond.

By Andrew Chapin Hammond Esq. &c. &c.
You are hereby required and directed to proceed
to Sea as soon as possible with his Majestys Sloop
under your command, and put into execution such
part of those Orders you received from me on the
20th of last Month, as are not already executed, and
to lose no opportunity of annoying the enemy by
every means in your power.

Given under my hand on
board his Majestys Ship the
Roebuck off Gwins Island.
Chesapeake bay in Virginia the
2 June 1776.

To Captain Squire
commander of his Majestys Sloop
the Otter

A. S. Hammond

Mem^o -

Roebuck off of Quins Is. in Virginia
3 June 1776.

Tomorrow being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Birth Day, a Salute of Twenty one Guns is to be fired from the Torrey, and as many from the Tenders as they can fire with convenience, to begin at the discharge of the Second Gun from the Roebuck.

A. S. Hammond

To Captain Montagu
commander of His Maj. Ship
Torrey

By Andrew Sharp Hammond Esq.
gc. &c. &c.

Whereas I have received information that there are Several Row Gallies building by the Rebels up Rappahannock River, and that there is a Brig taking in a Lagoon at or near Hob's Hole.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to take with the Fincastle Tender under your command, the Lady Susan Tender commanded by M. Goodrich, and proceed up the said River, and do your utmost to take or destroy the Gallies, or any other Vessels, or boats you may meet with belonging to the Rebels, and otherwise to annoy the enemy by every means in your power.

After

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After having ran as far up the River as you
find can be done with safety, or is necessary for the
performance of this Service, you are to make the
best of your way down again and join me at this
place.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Gwyns Island the 10th June 1776.

A S Hamond

To
Lieut. John Wright
commander of the Otters Tender
the Fincastle

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq. g.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed
with the Roebucks Tender under your command without
loss of time to Charles Town S. Carolina where you are
to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Sir Peter Parker, and
General Clinton, and (if Sir Peter has no commands
for you) to proceed on to Saint Augustine and deliver
the enclosed Packets, and the provisions you have on
board for the Garrison there to Governor Tonn, when
having so done, you are to make the best of your way
back to Virginia and to join me at this place.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Gwyns Island in Virginia the 9th June
1776 - A S Hamond

To
Rich. Whitworth
commander of the Roebucks
Tender the Pembroke

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r.
gc^o.gc^o.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed forthwith with the Roebucks Tender under your command to the Mouth of the River Delaware, where you will find his Majestys Ship Liverpool cruising at some small distance from the Cape, and having met with her, you are to deliver the enclosed dispatches to Captain Bellew and wait his orders for your further proceedings.

In case after cruising for two or three Days you should not meet with the Liverpool; you are then to proceed on, to New York, and deliver the enclosed letter to Captain Parker of his Majestys Ship Phoenix, and after having so done to return to Virginia and join me at this place.

GIVEN under my hand
on board his Majestys Ship the
Roebuck at Givins Island in
Virginia the 10th June 1776.

A. S. Hammond

N.B. The Private Signal
between the Liverpool &
any Vessel sent to her, is
a Jack at the Masthead
of each.

To Mr Edward James
Commander of the Roebucks Tender

The Ranger

By Andrew Sharp Esq. Common D. Esq.

Whereas Robert Eden Esquire Governor of Maryland has acquainted me that he can no longer remain in his Government, now in in open Rebellion against the King, with any degree of safety to himself, or advantage to His Majesty's Service; and that he has obtained permission from the Committee, regarding the Government of the province, to leave the Colony, upon condition that any of His Majesty's Ships which may be sent for him do not commit any Hostilities whilst upon that Service.

It is therefore my desire and direction to you, that you proceed forthwith in his Majesty's Ship under your command to Annapolis, and by a Flag of Truce acquaint the Governor that you are come to receive him and his Servants on board, as well as any other well affected subjects to His Majesty that may claim your protection.

You are also to comply with a promise the Governor has given, and not commit any Hostilities upon the Rebels whilst on that service, as long as they observe the same conduct with respect to His Majesty's Ship or her Boats;

But if any insult whatever should be offered to either, you are at liberty to act against them as you may think proper.

But if the Committee should have altered their mind with respect to the Governor, and refuse him permission to leave the province, you are in that

can to use your utmost endeavors to destroy the Town
and otherwise distress the enemy by every means in your
power.

As the Torrey is much wanted for the immediate
protection of Gwyns Island, It is expected and required
of you to use the utmost expedition on this Service, &
remains no longer at Annapolis than is absolutely
necessary to receive the Governor and his people on
board, when having so done you are to return hither
and join me at this place.

To

Captain Montagu

commander of his Majestys
Ship the Torrey.

Given under my hand on board his
Majestys Ship the Roebuck at Gwyns
Island in Virginia the 16 June 1776

A. S. Hammond

By And^{rs} Snake Hammond Esq

Mr Chafe Purser of His Maj^{ty}

Sloop the Otter having acquainted me by letter
of this date, that his ill State of health renders
him incapable of performing his duty any
longer on board her.

You are therefore hereby required & directed,
to repair on board his Majestys Sloop the Otter, and
examine into the State of Mr. Russel the Purser
health, and report to me from under your hands
your proceedings thereon.

To The Surgeons of his Maj^{ty} Ship Roebuck
and Otter Sloop, & the first Mate of the
Roebuck

Given at the 19 June 1776

A. Hammond

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By And^{rs} Joseph Hammond Esquire.

Whereas Mr. Noel Swiney is appointed Poss^r of his Majesty's Sloop the Otter, in the Room of Mr. Chase Rysel, whose ill State of health, has rendered him incapable of performing his duty any longer on board her.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board his Majesty's Sloop the Otter, and there take a strict and careful Survey on the Remains of all the Provisions, Stops, Casks and Stores &c^a in charge of Mr. Chase Rysel the Purser, and transfer them to Mr. Noel Swiney appointed to act in that capacity; reporting to me from under your hands, your proceedings thereon.

Given under my hand on board his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at Lewis Island in Virginia the
20th June 1776
J. S. Hammond

I
The Master & Purser of
the Roebuck and Master of
the Otter

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire

Whereas ^{of} Mr. Chas. Ruple Purser of His Majesty's Sloop the Otter, has been through an ill state of health, rendered incapable of performing his duty any longer: By virtue of the power and Authority to me given, I do hereby appoint you to act as Purser of His Majesty's Sloop the Otter, together with such an allowance of Wages and victuals for yourself and Servant as is proper and usual for the Purser of the Said Sloop; and you in pursuance thereof are to pay a True, and timely account of all such Provisions and Victuals, money, Stores and other necessaries as shall be committed to your charge from time to time.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship Roebuck at
Gwinn's Island in Virginia the 27th
June 1776.

A. S. Hammond

To
Mr. Noel Swinney
hereby appointed to Act as
Purser of his Majesty's Sloop
Otter.

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By And Thos Hammond Esq: of

In consequence of Orders from Vice Admiral
Shuldham: You are hereby required and directed
to cause a proportion of Rice to be issued to the company
of His Majestys Ship under your command, on Mondays
in lieu of Oatmeal for that Day.

You are likewise required and directed to cause
the company of His Majestys Ship under your
command to be put at whole allowance of all Species
of Provisions, and continue the same until further
Order.

Given under my hand on board
His Majestys Ship the Roebuck at
Guins Island (gc:) in Virginia the
24 June 1776.

Thos Hammond

The respective Captains
of the Squadron viz: Captain Squire -
Montagu

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
Captain Squire commander of his Majesty's
Sloop Otter, having acquainted me by letter of this date,
that there is a quantity of bad bread on board, unfit for
men to eat, and requested an order for a survey to be
had thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to repair
on board his Maj^y's Sloop Otter, and take a strict and
careful Survey of the Bread complained of, and if you
find it as represented, you are to see it thrown
overboard into the Sea, reporting to me from under
your hands, your proceedings thereon, when and where
rec^d and to what cause you judge its defects.

Given at St. John's Island the
1 July 1776

A. S. Hammond

To
The Masters of the
Roebuck and Otter & one of the
Masters Mates of His M^y Ship

Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
M^r Samuel Thomas Master of the Servant vict^l
Transport, having represented to me by letter of this
date, that he has great reason to apprehend, the Spirits
in Cask on board, ordered for his Majesty's Ships at
this place want inspection, from the length of time
which they have been Shiped, and prays that proper
persons may be ordered to see such deficient cask properly
fitted up according to their first Quage. You are
hereby required and directed to repair on board the Said
Victualler and there take a strict and careful on the
Cask

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Casks of Spirits complained of, and if you find them as
represented; you are to see them properly filled up, report
to me from under your hands, your proceedings thereon;
and to what cause you judge the defects.

Given under my hand on b^d His
Majesty's Ship Roebuck at Gwinn
Island in Virginia the 24 June 1766.

A S Hammond

To
The Masters of the Roebuck
and Otter, and one of the Masters
Mates of His Majesty's Ship the

Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r.

Sec^y

W^m. Samuel Thomas Master of the Servant
Vicualler, having represented to me by letter of this
date, that he has a quantity of bread in charge, cast
by Survey at New York by order of the commanding
officer at that place, which is become quite a nuisance
in the Ship, and prays that an order may be
granted to inspect the Same.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on
board the Said victualling Transport, and inspect
the Bread complained of, and if you find it as re-
presented, you are to see it thrown overboard into the
Sea; reporting to me from under your hands, your
proceedings thereon.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
Gwinn Island in Virginia the 1 July 1766

A S Hammond

To
The Masters of the Roebuck
and Otter and one of the Masters
Mates of his Maj^y's Ship Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

Having Ordered his Majesty's Ship the *Toway*
to receive from the *Servant Victualing Transport* under
your charge, a quantity of Provisions: You are hereby
required and directed, as soon as you have complied
with her demand, to go immediately along side of
the *Anna Transport* in *Gwinn's Island* harbour, and
use the utmost dispatch, in putting on board her, &
clearing yourself of all the remains of Provisions,
Stores &c. on account of Government, and to take
from the Master of the Said *Anna Transport* proper
receipts for the Same; and having ^{done} so you are
without loss of time, to proceed forthwith in the
Servant Victualler under your charge to the Port
of London, and on your arrival there to acquaint
the Commissioners for victualing his Majesty's
Navy therewith Given under my hand on

board his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck at *Gwinn's Island* in
Virginia the 5th July 1776.

To
W. Samuel Thomas
Master of the *Servant*
Vict. Transport

A. J. Hammond

By Andrew Sprott Hamond Esq.

Having ordered M^r Samuel Thomas Master
of the Servant Victualing Transport to deliver into
your custody all the remains of Provisions, Stores &c^o
that he stands charged with from Government:

You are hereby required and directed to receive
from the Servant Victualer on board the Anna
Transport under your charge, all the provisions,
Stores &c^o on account of Government, and to give
proper receipts for the Same.

And you are further required and directed to be
particularly careful of all such provisions, Stores
&c^o as may be committed to your charge, to pre-
vent loss or expellment, and be present at the issuing
of the same from time to time to his Majesty's
Ships.

Given under my hand on
board his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck at Gwinn's Island in
Virginia the 5 July 1776.

A S Hamond

To
The Master of the
Anna Transport at Gwinn's
Island Harbour

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq. of the

Samt. Cheatham and the Petty officer and Cook named in the margin
In: Lapsell Cook belonging to his Majesty's Ship under your command
having been Surveyed and judged unfit for his
Majesty's Service: You are hereby required and directed
to discharge them with all according, sending them
on board the Servant Victualing Transport for a passage
to England, taking care to comply with the late Act
of Parliament. Given under my hand on board his
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in the
River Potomack Virginia the 13 July
1776.

To
Captain Montagu
Commander of his Majesty's Ship

For
By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.
of the

Whereas the Armed Ship on board of which his
Excellency the Earl of Dunmore Governor of Virginia is
embarked has been under the necessity of cutting
away two of her Anchors to avoid the fire of a Battery
erected by the enemy against her, and remains at present
with a single Anchor: You are therefore hereby required
and directed to Supply the Ship Dunmore with one of
the Bower Anchors belonging to the Servant Victualer
under your command, taking his Lordship's receipt for
the same, specifying the weight of it, and for so doing this
shall be your warrant. Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off of
St. Marys River Virginia the 13 July 1776

To
C. M. Samuel Thomas
Master of the Servant Vict. Transport

J. A. Hamond

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By And^{rs} Inap^{le} Hammond Esq^r:

Whereas the Cook of His Majesty's Ship the
Towey is discharged unserviceable from her; By virtue
of the Power and authority to me Given, I do hereby
appoint you Donian Morrison to act as Master Cook
of his Majesty's Ship the Towey accordingly, together
with such an allowance of Wages and Victuals for
your self and Servant as is proper and usual for a
Master Cook of the Said Ship.

Given under my Hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck off
P. Mary River in Virginia the 18th
July 1770.

A. S. Hammond

I
W. Donian Morrison
hereby appointed to act as Cook
of his Majesty's Ship the
Towey.

By Andrew Anape Hammond Esq.^r
commander of His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck and Senior Officer of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed
at Virginia and in the River Delaware

Captain Montagu commander of His Majesty's Ship the Forsey
having acquainted me by letter of this date, that the Master of the said Ship
finds himself much afflicted with a Scurvy and Rheumatism, which
renders him incapable of performing the necessary duties of his Station;
and having found no relief from Medicine, he has desired, him to apply
for an order to survey him.

You are therefore hereby required and directed
to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the Forsey, and strictly examine
into the State of Health of her Master, and report to me from under
your hands your proceedings thereon.

To
The Surgeons of His
Majesty's Ships the Roebuck,
Forsey and Otter

Given under my hand on
board his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck in the River Potomack
in Virginia 3^d July 1776
A. Hammond

By Andrew Anape Hammond Esq.^r
Captain Montagu commander of His Majesty's
Ship the Forsey having acquainted me that the Boatswain of the
said Ship has been for some time past under confinement

You are hereby required and directed to repair on
board his Majesty's Ship the Forsey and there take a strict and care-
-full survey on all the Remains of Boatswains Stores, and transfer
them from the charge of her present Boatswain, into the Custody of
Mr. Alexander Forbes appointed to Act as Boatswain, reporting to
me from under your hands your proceedings thereon

To
The Masters of His
Majesty's Ships the
Roebuck, Forsey and Otter

Given under my hand on
board His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck in the River Potomack
in Virginia the 3^d July 1776
A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r
You are hereby required and directed ^{to proceed} forthwith,
without loss of time in Majesty's Schoon under your
command, taking the Firecastle, your Tender, with
you, and cruise off the Bays of Virginia, taking
care to place your Schoon and Tender in the Best
Situation you can possibly for annoying the Enemy,
and speaking with, and examining all vessels coming
in or going out thereof until further Order

Given under my hand on 1st
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in the River Potomack in
Virginia the 30th July 1776.
Jof
Captain Squire
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Petter

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r Sec^y

Whereas the Boatswain of his Majesty's Ship the
Fowey is under confinement: I do hereby appoint you to
act as Boatswain of His Majesty's Ship the Fowey, requiring
and directing you to repair forthwith on board her, and
to take upon you the charge and employ of Boatswain
accordingly, and to be always obedient to such commands as
you shall from time to time receive from your Captain,
or any other your Superior Officers, and to discharge your
trust faithfully, and to hold the said employment until
further Order

To
Mr. Alexander Forbes
hereby appointed to act
as Boatswain for the time
being of his Majesty's Ship
the Fowey

Given under my hand on
board his Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck in the River
Potomack Virginia
the 31st July 1776
A. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. ^{Chaplain}

Whereas the Master of His Majesty's Ship the *Rowey*, has been through an ill state of health rendered quite incapable of performing the necessary duties of his station any longer: I do hereby appoint you to act as Master of His Majesty's Ship the *Rowey*, and to take charge of her as Master untill further Order, officiating in all things proper to the duty of your place as becometh you, hereby willing and requiring all inferior officers and seamen (as they tender the welfare of his Majesty's Service, and will answer the contrary at their Perils) to observe your direction in the full and due execution of this your office, and yourself also to observe and be obedient unto such commands as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain, or other your Superior Officer in his absence.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the *Roebuck*
in Potowmack River 1st August 1776
A. Hammond

To
Mr Lewis Barker
hereby appointed for the time
being Master of His Majesty's
Ship the *Rowey*.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

The great number of families inhabiting vessels, ill provided with all sorts of materials, that have ever since the destroying of the Town of Norfolk put themselves under the protection of His Majesty's Ships, have been found to be so great an inconvenience to his Majesty's Service that it is become absolutely necessary that they should be sent to a place of Security. You are therefore hereby required and directed to take all such vessels under your care and protection, giving them the necessary sailing instructions and proceed with ^{them} to the Port of St. Augustine, using your best endeavors to prevent any of them from falling into the hands of the Enemy, when after having seen them

Safe

safe over the Bar, you are to return without loss of
time to your Station and cruise between the Capes
of Virginia to annoy the Enemy by every means
in your power.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in Potomack River Virginia
the 31st July 1776.

Sir

Captain Squire
commander of his Majesty's Sloop
the Otter.

A S Hammond

By Order of the Board of War
A S Hammond Esq.

You are hereby required and directed to receive
from the Prison Brig of his Excellency the
Earl of Dunmore all the Prisoners and bear
them on a separate Supernumerary List, and
victual them at Two shillings allowance of all
Species of Provisions until further Order.

Given under my
hand on board His Majesty's
Ship the Roebuck in the
River Potomack Virginia the
30th July 1776

A S Hammond

Sir

Captain Squire
commander of his Majesty's Ship
the Otter

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq. Secy. &c.

Mr. Samuel Thomas, Master of the Levant Victualling Transport, having represented to me by Letter of this date, that he imagines all the Casks of Spirits, ordered to be put on board the Anna Transport, in order to clear his Ship, want filling up, owing to their being long kept, and that the Master of the Anna will not receive them before.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the Levant Victualler, and there take a strict and careful survey of all them represented, and see that every cask of which he is to discharge himself off, properly filled, reporting to me from under your hands, your proceeding therein, and to what cause you judge the defects.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck this
2 August 1776

A. A. Hamond

To
The Master and two of
his Mates, of His Majesty's
Ship the Roebuck: See

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board the Levant Victualling Transport under your command from His Majesty's Ships undermentioned the Warrant Officers, unseaworthy Seamen, and invalided Marines, against their names expressed. viz.

Roebuck	Wm. Smith (1) - Ab
	Thomas Delahay - Corp. 6 th
	Job Coleman - Private Marine
Towey	M ^r . Keller - Master
	M ^r . Saml. Chetham - Mid ^d .
	John Sarsell - Cook
Olter	M ^r . Chas. Ruffel - Purser

for a Passage to England and victual them at the usual allowance of all Species of Provisions, and on your arrival at the Port of London to acquaint the Honorable the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy there with.

To Mr. Samuel Thomas
M^r. of the Levant Vict^l Transport

Given under my hand on 6th
His M^y. Ship Roebuck, at Virginia
2 August 1776

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.
commander of His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck, and Senior Officer of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed
at Virginia and in the River Delaware

The Purser of his Majesty's Ship under my command having
represented to me by Letter of this date, that there is a
quantity of Bread on board mouldy and unfit for
service and men to eat, desiring a survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to take a strict
and carefull survey of the Bread complained of, and if
you find it as represented, you are to see it thrown
overboard into the Sea, reporting to me from under
your hands your proceedings therein, and where and
where received, and to what cause you judge its defects.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at Sea the 18 May 1776.

A. Hammond

To
The Master, Boatswain,
and one of the Masters Mates
of His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

Whereas the company of his Majesty's Ship under
my command are in great want of Shirts, Frocks and
Trowsers; you are hereby required and directed to purchase

1200 Chequed Shirts

1200 Frocks &c

1200 Trowsers.

for their use, and this you are to do, with the utmost frugality
and see that they are good in kind, and in every respect
fitting for his Majesty's Navy; And to draw Bills on the
Honorable the Principles Officers and Commissioners of his
Majesty's Navy for the Payment thereof.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship Roebuck at
Gwyn's Island in Virginia 17 July 76.

A. Hammond

W. James Mason
Purser of his Majesty's Ship
Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
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You are hereby required and directed to bring
off the Coasts of Virginia until you meet with His
Majesty's Ship the *Forney*, when you are to deliver
the enclosed dispatches to Captain Montagu, and
follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the *Roebeck* at
Cape Henry in Virginia the 6th

August 1776

To
M^r Rich^d Whitworth
commander of the *Roebeck*

A S Hammond

Sender
the *Pembroke*

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire the 6th Dec^r

The very sickly state of the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under
my Command, makes it absolutely necessary
to establish a place for Sick Quarters on Shore, or otherwise
for the speedy recovery of the Sick.

I do hereby appoint you to be Surgeon for the
care, and cure of all such Sick and hurt Seamen, Marines, invalids &c
as shall be landed, or put on board the Hospital Vessel, from his
Majesty's Ships and Vessels, from time to time at Virginia, at
the Rate considering the great scarcity of Provisions and Med-
-icine of one Shilling and Sixpence Sterly per each per diem, accord-
-ing to the Customs of His Majesty's Navy: And you are in conse-
-quence of this Appointment, to take upon you the care of all such
Sick and hurt Seamen, Marines and invalids accordingly, and to
draw Bills upon the Commissioners of the Sick and Hurt for the
whole Expences attending the same, in the manner, and accord-
-ing to the said allowance, of one Shilling and Sixpence a day
for each person so sent, and all other allowance now and above
established by the said Commissioners in similar cases. For

which this shall be your Warrant.

Mr Charles Fletcher hereby
appointed, for the time being Surgeon
for the care of the sick and Wound
Men sent from his Majesty's Ships
and Vessels at
Virginia

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in Elizabeth
River in Virginia the 26 February 1776
A Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Jr.
Whereas his Excellency the Earl of Dunmore
Governor of Virginia has represented to me, that he
has hired several Vessels to act against the Enemy,
and has made application for a few Men and
Ordnance Stores, to arm the Lady Charlotte Tender
for annoying the Rebels, as well as the Protection
of his Excellencies Camp on Greens Island.

You are therefore hereby required and directed
to send without loss of time on board the Lady Charlotte
Tender, one of your Quarter Deck Petty Officers and
Seven Seamen with the quantity of Ordnance Stores
following for that purpose; viz.

Iron Ordnance 12 Pounders	Two
Apoon of Lead Small	Two
Wadhooks 12 th	Complete One
Saddle	One
Musquets Weight	Eight
Half Pipes	Seven
Carb. Boxes, Pige & Belts	Five
Powder Horns	Two
Swords Scabbards & Belts	Six
Hand saw leavers of 5 feet	Two
Pardon	Thirty pounds
Musquet Shot	Twenty
Cartridges 12 th	Thirty
Round Shot 12 th	Thirty
Grape 2 nd 2 nd	Thirty

For

For which this shall be your Order

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Roebuck at
Gwyns Island in Virginia the 1st
June 1776. J. S. Hammond

To
Captain Montague
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Porpoise.

In Council of Safety.

Philadelphia December 21 1776

M^r Davis Bevan having informed the board
that Captain Hammond commander of His Majesty's ship
the Roebuck had a number of Prisoners on board His
Ship that were taken out of Trading Vessels, belonging
to the United States of America, and that he was
desirous of exchanging them for an equal number of
like prisoners, subjects of Great Britain. But it having
been the uniform practice of this State to release all such
prisoners immediately on their arrival in this City,
leaving them to their Liberty to enter the Merchant
service if they chose or otherwise dispose of themselves;
this board therefore have it not in their power to make
any such exchange, But it is Resolved.

That this Council will deliver over to the Orders of
Captain Hammond or any other officer of the King of Great
Britain an equal number of such prisoners as he may
claim of the Subjects of these States whenever this Council
shall have it in their power.

M^r Davis Bevan

Extract from the Minutes

John Howell Secretary

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Capt off New York Nov^r 25 1776.

My Lord

Being directed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty pursuant to the Kings pleasure signified by letter from Lord George Germain, one of His Majestys principal Secretaries of State, dated the 16th of last August, to inquire into the truth of the Facts there stated, with relation to the capture of two Transports carried into Boston, as represented in General Howe's letter of the 7th of the preceding Month; When by a Disposition of the Ships of War under your Lordships command transmitted it appears, that His Majestys Ships the Renown, and Milford, and the armed Vessels the Hope and Halifax were then stationed in Boston Bay; And also to inquire into the Reasons which so long operated to prevent the stationing of a small squadron of His Majestys Ships in the Delaware, as directed by their Lordships Order of the 6th of July 1775, & into the motives which induced the removal of the Roebuck and Liverpool from that River, when at length it had been thought fit to station them there, And being further charged to report to their Lordships for his Majestys information, the Result of my appointed enquiries in those several respects: I send your Lordship herewith a copy of the said letter of the 16th of August from the Secretary of State; And am to Request you will please to communicate to me, such further lights on those matters in addition to the Copies of your Orders to and Correspondence with the Captains of the Ships before named delivered soon after my arrival in this port, as you conceive

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may be conducive to the purpose of the Kings commands
signified to their Lordships as in that Letter expressed.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obedient

humble servant

Of
To
The Rt. Hon^{ble} Lord Shuldham

Vice Admiral of the Blue &c &c. Howe

Copy

Whitchall 16 August 1776

My Lords

Having had the Honor to lay before the
King the copy of Vice Admiral Lord Shuldham's Letter
to your Lordships of the 16th of April, transmitted to me
in your Letter of the 7th of June, in which he acquaints
your Lordships that upon quitting the Harbour of
Boston with the Fleet, he had stationed a Squadron
of his Majesty's Ships in Nantasket Road, under the
command of Captain Banks of the Renown, for the
"purpose, as he express it, "of intercepting and sending
"to Halifax the Ships with the Supplies ordered to
"Boston, and which would consequently be ignorant
"of the removal of the Fleet and Army"; And having
also laid before His Majesty the Disposition of the
Ships under Lord Shuldham's Command, dated the
6th July last transmitted to your Lordships Letter of
the 14th instant, from which it appears that His
Majesty's Ships Renown and Milford, the Hope
Sloop and Halifax Brigantine were then stationed
in Boston Bay.

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His Majesty remained with much surprise, that in the account given by General Howe in his letter of the 7th of July, of the Capture of two Transports with part of the Highland Regiments on board, those Transports are said to have been carried into Boston without having been intercepted by any of His Majesty's Ships; That other accounts from different Quarters represent that Harbour as an asylum for the Rebel Cruizers and their Prizes, and that the late advices from Halifax mention the arrival there of the Renown and Milford, two of the Ships stated by Lord Shuldham to be cruizing in the Bay of Boston.

His Majesty was therefore pleased to command me to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that you do direct Lord Howe to enquire into the Truth of these Facts, and into the conduct of the officers commanding such of His Majesty's Ships as have been stationed in Nantasket Road, or appointed to cruize in the Bay of Boston since the Evacuation of that Town by the Army, and to report the same to your Lordships for His Majesty's information.

I am further commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that Lord Howe be also directed to enquire into, and report to your Lordships, for His Majesty's information, the Causes which so long operated to prevent the stationing of a small Squadron of His Majesty's Ships in the Delaware Bay, agreeable to what was signified to your Lordships by the Earl of Dartmouth, by His Majesty's

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Majesty's command, in his Lordships letter of the
7 of July 1775; and whatever the motives which
induced the removal of His Majesty's Ships Roebuck
and Liverpool from that River, when at length it
had been thought fit to station them there, by which
an opportunity was afforded to a large number
of the Rebels' Ships to sail from thence without inter-
ruption, and for bringing in Supplies of all Sorts
of Ammunition and other necessaries, of which
the Rebels stood so much in need

I am

My Lords

Your Lordships

most Obedient

humble Servant.

Geo. Germain

Lords of the Admirty.

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esquire,
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck.

In consequence of orders from the Lord B^l Howe
Vice Admiral of the White and commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America.

You are hereby required and directed to put your
self under my command and follow all such orders
and directions as you shall from time to time receive from
me for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck at
New York the 7th December 1776.

I A S Hamond

Captain Wilkinson of His Majesty's Ship Pearl.

The Hon^{ble} Captain Ophinston... Perseus.

Thipps... Camilla

Captain Linzee... Falcon

Distinguishing Signals

del. the above Captains.

Pendants.

Red	White	Blue	Plau
Roebuck	Pearl	Perseus	Main topmast head
Camilla	Falcon		Fore topmast head
			Mizen topmast head

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By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck.

You are hereby directed to use all possible
dispatch in preparing His Majesty's Ship under your
command for the Sea; when having so done you are
to Sail with the first opportunity of wind and weather,
and being five leagues S^t. from Sandy Hook, open
the enclosed Packet, and proceed forthwith as the
Orders therein contained direct.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at New York the 7th Dec^r 1776

To
The Captain. Withinsson
and the Hon^{ble}. Captain Phipps
A. S. Hammond

Private Signal,
Private Signal for his Majesty's Ships under
my command to know each other.

By Day.
The Ship to Windward shall lower down her
Foretop sail, which the Ship to Leeward shall answer
by lowering down her Maintop sail, then the
Ship to Windward shall hoist an English Jack at
her Maintopmasthead, which the Ship to Leeward
shall answer by hoisting an English Jack at her
Foretopmasthead, then both ships shall hoist
their proper Colours.

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By Night

The Ship to Windward shall hoist Two lights where they can best be seen, one over the other, the Ship to Leeward to hoist Two lights, abreast of each other, where they can best be seen; Then the Ship to Windward to burn one false fire, and the other to burn Two.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the *Rockuck* at New York the 7th Decr 1776
J. S. Hammond

The respective Captains of
His Majesty's Ships the
Pearl - Perseus - Camilla & Falcon.

His Majesty's Ship under my command not being provided with sufficient Colours for making all Lord Howe's Signals; I have thought proper to substitute the following ones, in addition thereto. viz.

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|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| N ^o 1. | To prepare to anchor | Flag: viz. Union Jack | Mizen Peak |
| 2 | To chase to the | N ^o Red and Blue | Mizen Shrouds |
| | | NW Blue and Red | Mizen Shrouds |
| | | SE Red and White | Mizen Shrouds |
| | | SW White and Red | Mizen Shrouds |
| 3 | For the Ship to ^{depart} look out | White and Blue | Foremast head |
| 4 | For the Ship to gather before the close of day agreeable to the Signal Pages | Blue and White | Mizen topmast Head |
| 5 | For seeing Strange Sails | N ^o a Jack | Ensign staff |
| | | NW | Mizen Peak |
| | | SE a White Jack | Ensign staff |
| | | SW | Mizen Peak |
| 6 | That the chasing Ship can come up with the chase without losing company. | White | Mizen topmast head |
| 7 | To denote Soundings gained | a White Jack | Mizen Shrouds |
| | NB To be answered personally | White Jack | Ensign staff |
- To the Respective Captains of
the *Pearl, Perseus, Camilla & Falcon*
- Given on b. the *Rockuck* at
New York the 7th Decr 1776
J. S. Hammond

Seal & Rendezvous not to be
opened, but in case of separation

By Andrew Inape Hammond Esquire
Captain of His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck.

In case of Separation by bad weather
or any other unavoidable accident; You are hereby
directed to join me off Cape Henlopen Light-house,
as soon as possible.

To the Captains - Dickinson
Ophinsten
&
Linzee

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at New York the 7th Decr 1776

A. S. H. - d

By Andrew Inape Hammond Esq: &c?

You are hereby required and directed to
proceed along the Coast to the Southward, with
his Majesty's Ship under your command, and
looking into Egg Harbour in your way, if the
weather permits of it, join me off Cape Henlopen
Lighthouse, as soon as possible.

Given &c. at New York the
7th Decr 1776

A. S. H. - d

To the Honble Captain Chipp
of His Majesty's Ship
the Camilla

For

Roebuck in Delaware Bay the 16th Dec: 1776

As it is necessary in order for the more effectual
blocking up the Port of Philadelphia, that His Majesty's
Ships under my command should cruize at certain distances
from each other, and as the bad weather which is to be
expected at this Season of the Year may prevent our
communication, or unforeseen accidents may render
it impracticable to keep the Station. I have therefore
thought proper to issue a Second Rendezvous, which
however is not to be used, but in the case above mentioned

To Captain Linze
of His Maj^y Sloop
the Falcon

I am &c^a A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
Captain of His Maj^y Ship the Roebuck.

After the first of January next, I can by any
accident His Majesty's Sloop under your command should
be separated from me, and not be in a condition to keep
this station in order to restrain the Kings, Rebellious
subjects in their endeavours to provide supplies of
ammunition and other military Stores, and for the purpose
of preventing all Trade and intercourse with the Colonies
as well as destroying their armed Vessels. You are hereby
directed to proceed to the Island of Antigua, where you
are to put yourself under the command of the Commander
in chief, requesting his permission to clean and refit your
Sloop in order for the joining Vice Admiral Lord Howe
at New York as early in the next Spring as the Season
will admit.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in Delaware
Bay the 16th December 1776

A. S. Hammond

To Captain Linze
of His Maj^y Sloop the Falcon

This Second Rendezvous to be observed in case
of separation from the Roebuck

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
gc. &c.

In case of separation in chase (which is always to be avoided as much as possible, with permission first obtained, or upon extraordinary occasions) the Ships are to be made known on their return in sight of the Fleet by the following daily signals, in preference to the distinguishing signal delivered, when it can be done with equal convenience and effect &c.

Sunday	{ White Jack	Main topmast head
	{ Pendant	Mizen Peak
Monday	{ White Jack	Mizen topmast head
	{ Pendant	Fore topmast head
Tuesday	{ English Jack	Fore topmast head
	{ Pendant	Mizen topmast head
Wednesday	{ Red Ensign	Main topmast head
	{ Pendant	Fore topmast head
Thursday	{ English Jack	Mizen topmast head
	{ Pendant	Mizen Peak
Friday	{ Red Ensign	Fore topmast head
	{ Pendant	Mizen topmast head
Saturday	{ English Jack	Main topmast head
	{ Pendant	Mizen topmast head

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Rosbuck at
Sea the 11 Decem^r 1776

A S Hammond

To
The Respective Captains
of His Majesty's Ships the

Seal

Perseus

Lamilla

Talor

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
Captain of the Roebuck and Senior Officer
His Majesty's Ships employed in the Delaware

Having reason to believe the communication by the Delaware with the Town of Philadelphia from the State of the weather will soon be entirely prevented; It is therefore my intention to remain cruising off this River with the Squadron under my command in order to prevent supply's getting in, as well as to prevent their Armed Vessels now fitted out at Philadelphia from putting to Sea, untill the 10th instant, after which, I shall proceed Southward to the Island of Antigua: Should therefore any accident happen to separate us before that time; You are hereby directed to cruise with His Majesty's Ship under your command in the Tract of the Vessels coming from the West Indies, in such manner, and for so long a time as you shall judge necessary; taking care if possible to beat at English Harbour by the end of this Month in order that the Pearl may be hove down and refitted.

It is recommended that all possible caution is used to prevent the Rebels from being informed of this movement of His Majesty's Ships; and in case of making any Captures, that they may in future be sent to the Island of Antigua.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in Cape Henlopen Road the 2^d January 1777

This order is not to be opened but in case of separation.

To Captain Milkinson of Lingee
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Pearl & Falcon
A S Hammond

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By Andrew Hope Hamond Esquire
Captain of the Roebuck and Senior Officer of
His Majesty's Ships employed in the River
Delaware.

Having reason to believe the communication
by the Delaware with the Town of Philadelphia, from the
state of the weather, will soon be intirely prevented. It is
therefore my intention to remain cruising off this River
with the Squadron under my command in order to
prevent supplies getting, as well as to prevent their
armed Vessels now fitted out at Philadelphia from
putting to Sea, untill the 10 instant, after which I shall
proceed Southward to the Island of Antigua; should
therefore any accident happen to separate us before that
time: You are hereby directed to take His Majesty's
Ship the Camilla under your command / Captain
Shipp being instructed to follow your orders) and
to cruise together off the Coasts of the Southern Colonies,
particularly off the Bar of Charles Town to prevent
supplies getting to the Rebels and for the purpose of
intercepting their armed Vessels. You are to continue
of this Service as long as your water will last, or for
such time as you may be able to join me at Antigua
by the middle of February next at the latest.

It is recommended that all possible caution is used
to prevent the Rebels from being informed of this
movement of His Majesty's Ships; And in case
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of making any captures that they may in future be sent to the
Island of Antigua. Given under my hand on board His Majesty's

Ship the Roebuck in Cape Henlopen Road the

2^d January 1777.

The Honorable Captain Ephinstone
commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Persus.

A. S. Hammond

NB. A duplicate of this
Order was deliv. to Capt.
Wilkinson on the 2^d Jan^y 77.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
sc. &c. &c.

Whereas Captain Ephinstone, commander of His
Majesty's Ship the Persus is intended to be employed upon
a particular service, in which the Ship under your
command is thought necessary to be joined: You are
therefore to follow his Orders for your further proceedings,
untill you join me at the Island of Antigua.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in Cape
Henlopen Road the 2^d Jan^y 1777

A. S. Hammond

The Honble Captain Phipps
of His Majesty's Ship
the Camilla.

I & B The absence of His Majesty's Ships in
the Delaware is intended to be kept as secret as possible.

A. S. H.

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By ~~Ed~~ Captain Hornond commander
of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck

Whereas W^m Augustus Miles the Purser of His
Majesty's Ship the Perseus has represented to me by His
Letter of this day's date, that he is not capable any
longer to serve in that employ, and voluntarily
praying to quit His Majesty's Service, and that
another may be appointed in his Room.

I do therefore hereby authorize and direct
you to take upon you the employ of Purser of
His Majesty's Ship the Perseus for the time being,
untill further Orders in the Room of W^m William
Augustus Miles who is not capable to serve in that
Capacity any longer: Strictly charging and
commanding you to observe and execute as well
the General printed Instructions, as the orders and
directions you shall from time to time receive from
the Captain of the Said Ship, or any other your
Superior Officer for His Majesty's Service, together
with such an allowance of Wages and Victuals
for your self and Servant, as is usual for the
Purser of the Said Ship

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
the 8th March 1777

A S Hornond
Roebuck 8th March 1777

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Gave W^m John Dawson an order
to act as Purser of the Otter in the Room
of W^m Augustus Miles the Purser of the Perseus

I
do
W^m Noel Swinny
hereby appointed to act
as Purser for the time being
of His Majesty's Ship the
Perseus

By Captain ~~Hammond~~

By Captain Hammond commander
of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck &c.

Whereas Mr William Augustus Miles Purser of His Majesty's Ship
the Perseus has represented to me by letter of this days date, that he
is not able any longer to serve in that employ and voluntarily
praying to His Majesty's Service, and that another may be
appointed in his room.

And Having appointed Mr Noel Sweeney the Purser of
the Otter in consequence thereof in his Room.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair
on b^d H. M. Ship the Perseus and there take a strict and
careful Survey of the Rem^t of Provisions, Casks, Iron Boags, Bags
Navy Stops and Necess^{ies} Lodged in the custody of the said Mr Miles
Purser, and transfer them into the charge of Mr Noel Sweeney appointed

to fill in that capacity for the time being, reports to me from under my hand
to the Purser of His

Majesty's Ships the Pearl, Cornilla
and Falcon, or any three of them,

Given under my hand on
b^d His Maj^y Ship the Roebuck
the 8th March 1777

By Captain Hammond &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to
discharge from the Supernumerary list of His Maj^y
Ship under your command into His Majesty's
Ship the Pearl, the eighteen Men named in the
Margin, taking care to comply with the late Act
of Parliament. Given under my hand on b^d

His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in English Harbour the 13th March 1777

To The Honble Capt^m Phipps
of His Maj^y Ship the
Perseus

A S Hammond

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By Captain Hammond commander
of His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck &c.

In consequence of Orders from Vice Admiral
the Lord Viscount Howe: you are hereby required and
directed to put yourself under my command and follow
all such Orders and directions as you may from time
to time receive from me for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
at English Harbour in Antigua
the 15th March 1777

J. S. Hammond

To
The respective Captains of His
Majesty's Ships the Pearl — Hon.^{ble} Capt. Elphinstone
Perseus — Phipps
Camilla Captain — Linzee
Falcon Hon.^{ble} (Thomas) Cap^t Windsor

N.B. The above Captains have rec^d the Distinguishing Signals;
and the Falcon the Private Signals, and Daily Signals together
with my Lord Howe's. And all other Signals will be made from my
Lord Howe's Signal Book.

By Captain Hammond commander of
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck &c.

His Majesty's Ship, under your command being
completed in her refitting, you are hereby directed to
proceed forthwith to Old Road in the Island of Saint
Christophers in order to complete the Ships water, from
whence, if you should not be joined by the Roebuck
within Twenty four Hours, after having finished
watering, you are to proceed to Sea and follow the
directions contained in the enclosed Sealed Orders.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in English
Harbour Antigua the 15th March 1777
To
The Honorable Captain Elphinstone
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Pearl.

J. S. Hammond

By Captain Hammond &c. &c.
You are hereby required and directed, in case you
shall not have been joined in Old Road by His
Majesty's Ship under my command within 24
Hours after you have completed the Ships water
to proceed with all possible dispatch with His
Majesty's Ship under your command to the mouth
of the River Delaware, and join me off of Cape
Henlopen Light-House.

You are to use your best endeavours to
take or destroy any vessels that you may meet
with in your way belonging to or Trading

with

with His Majesty's Colonies now in Rebellion,
but by no means to chase any thing out of
the way unless you have reason to think
it maybe an Armed Vessel belonging to the
Rebels.

If you should have an opportunity
before you join me, of writing to Commodore
Hotham who is at Virginia, you are to
acquaint him of your Arrival at the Rendezvous
and that the Roebuck with the other Ships under
my orders are sailed from hence for the same
Station.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in English Harbour Antigua the
15 March 1777

J. S. Hammond

To
The Hon^{ble} Cap^m M. Spinkstone
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Pearl

(NB. The above ^{Seal'd} orders are not to be broken
open.)

By Captain Hammond of ^{the} ~~the~~

You are hereby directed to use all possible
dispatch in getting His Majesty's Ship under your
command ready for the Sea, when you are to proceed
without moments loss of time to join me in Old
Road Saint Christopher's

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck in
English Harbour Antigua the

16th March 1774

A S Hammond

To
The Respective Captains

Phipps -

Singee -

By Capt^m Hammond of ^{the} ~~the~~

His Majesty's Sloop under your command being
ordered to be hove down and refitted, to be stored for twelve
Months and her provisions compleated to four months of all
Species, You are hereby directed to use all possible diligence
and dispatch in executing that business, when you are
to proceed to Sea through the passage of the Dog and
Prickley Pear (stopping in your way at Old Road in the
Island of Saint Christopher's to fill your Ships water) and
being 3 Leagues off of the Land to open the enclosed sealed
Orders, and follow their directions for your further proceedings.

Previous to your sailing, you are to apply to the
Admiral Young for his permission for you to take on
board any people that may be recovered at the Hospital
as well as any Seamen that may have been sent

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to Antigua in Brides; belonging to any of His Majesty's
Ships Serving in North America, which together with
any Men you may be able to raise for His Majesty's
Service above the Sloop's complement (which you are
to take every means in your power to do) and you
are to bear them on a supernumerary list for Victuals
and Wages till further order.

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship the *Porpoise* in
English Harbour the 16th March 1777

To
The Honble Captain Windsor
commander of His Maj's Sloop
the *Falcon*

A. J. Hammond

By ~~and~~ Captain Hammond Esq^r

You are hereby directed to proceed with the
utmost dispatch to the Mouth of the River Delaware
in order to join me, or the Senior officer of His Maj's
Ships that may be cruising on that Station.

You are to use your best endeavours to take or destroy
any vessels that you may meet with on your
way, belonging to, or, Trading with any of His
Majesty's Colonies in North America now in
Rebellion, but by no means to chase any thing out
of the way, unless it should appear to be an armed
vessel, which you are to use your best endeavours to
destroy.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship the *Porpoise* in English
Harb^r Antigua the 16th March 1777.

A. J. Hammond

To The Captains of His
Majesty's Ships the
Corseus
Camilla.

L. S. Seal

Sealed Orders and Rendezvous's for the *Perseus* &
Cornilla
to be opened in case of not joining the *Roebuck* at Saint
Christophers.

The Same for the *Saloon*, not to be opened before she
leaves the Island of Christophers.

Mem^{dum} *Roebuck* the 17th March 1777

Delivered Captain Windsor of the *Saloon* an
Order to cause his Carpenter to supply the *Cornilla*
with Five Tons of Iron Ballast.

Mem^{dum} *Roebuck* the 17th March 1777

Gave an Order to Captain Phipps of the
Perseus to discharge from her, into the *Roebuck* four
Superannuated of

Roebuck at Saint Christophers
Mem^{dum} the 20th March 1777

Gave Order to M. Richard Whitworth to
take command as Captain of the *Stanley*
Tender — M. Douglas, Lieut.

" Thomas Slater Master

Mem^{dum} Geo. Cooper - Gunner

Gave an order to M. Niet to act as Lieutenant
17th March 1777

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By Captain Hammond &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed
forthwith in His Majesty's Ship under your command
off ~~of~~ to Morris River, and place Her as close as you
possibly can with safety to the Ship, to the Entrance, for
the purpose of preventing the Enemies Vessels that are in there
from coming out, as well as the preventing by that
Situation any vessels going up or down the Cape
May Channel -

Given on board the Roebuck in the
Delaware the 25th May 1777

A. S. H.

To
Lieutenant John Graves
commanding His Majesty's Ship the
Camilla

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esquire
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck.

You are hereby required and directed to station
His Majesty's Ship under your command in the Main
Channel between the Narrows and the Brandy Wine,
so as best to intercept any of the Enemies Ships or Vessels
that may attempt to pass that way; You are to move
the Ship up and down occasionally and to have
a particular attention to that part where the Cape
May passage falls into the Main Channel.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck in the Delaware the 25th May 1777

A. S. H.

To
The Hon^{ble} Captain Phipps
of His Maj^y's Ship the
Swamp

Roeback in the Delaware the 3^d June 1777

Mem^o.

Tomorrow being the Anniversary of His Majesty's
birth Day, each Ship is to fire a Salute of 21 Guns,
beginning when the Roeback shall have fired her second
Gun, (or if it should not be perceived) at the usual time
of one o'clock

To the Hon^{ble} Captain Phipps
of His Majesty's Ship the Bear
and Lieut. John Graves
commanding the Camilla

A. S. H.

By And.^m Mape Hammond Esquire &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause
the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command
to be put at whole allowance of all Species of Provisions
and continue the same until further order

To
The Honorable Captain Phipps
of His Majesty's Ship the
Bear

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roeback in the Delaware the 3^d June 77
A. S. H.

By And.^m Mape Hammond Esquire &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause
the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your command to
complete her Provisions of all Species to Six Weeks from
His Majesty's Ship the Roeback, giving proper Receipts
for the same.

To
Lieutenant John Graves
commanding His Majesty's Ship
the Camilla

Given on board the Roeback in the
Delaware the 5th June 1777
A. S. H.

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

Notwithstanding your Order of the 3^d instant for causing the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command to be put at whole allowance of all species of Provisions, it appears in the State and Condition of the Ship of this date, that the Bread runs very Short of the other Species, an Article (from its Scarcity in the Squadron) which cannot be remedied; You are hereby required and directed to cause the company of the Pearl to be put to Two Thirds allowance of Bread only, and continue the same until further order.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship the
Roebuck in the Delaware the 5th June 1777
A. S. H.

To
The Honble Captain Phipps
of His Maj^y Ship the
Pearl

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond Esq^r

An attack being intended upon the Rebels Vessels now in Maurice River by the Boats of the Squadron this night at 12 O'clock, You are with the Tender under your command to hold yourself in readiness to proceed in the evening towards that River to assist the Boats in their operations against the Said Vessels, and obey any orders you may receive from Captain Phipps who commands the expedition.

As it is understood from the difficulty of the Navigation into the River, that it cannot with safety be entered in the night, you are to take care to be as near the entrance as is thought prudent by day break in the Morning so as to go into the River on the rising Tide which at that time will serve.

Given on b^d the Roebuck in
Delaware Bay the 7th June 1777
A. S. H.

To M^r Hele — Com^d the Holham —
Whitworth — Stanley }
Brewer — Ballahoo } Tender
Rogers — G^t Washington }

The Watch Word for the Night is Cape May

Answer — Ballahoo

By Captain Andrew Hope Commander^{2d} Lt

You are hereby directed to take under your convey the
Several Prizes now in the Delaware and proceed with them to New
York, where you are to deliver the enclosed Letter to the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lord Viscount Howe, and wait His Lordships Orders for your
further proceedings.

You are to receive on board the Sloop under your
command the Prisoners named in the list sent with them and
dispose of them at New York as the Commander in chief shall
direct.

And whereas I have received intelligence that several
of the Enemies Vessels are lately arrived at Egg Harbour, You
are therefore in your way to endeavour to look into that place,
and if it shall appear to you to be practicable to cut them out
or destroy them, You are to take the Hotham and Stanley Tenders
under your command (who are directed to accompany you
thither for that purpose) and use your best endeavours against
the enemies Vessels: which Service being performed, You are
then to give Orders to the Hotham Tender to join the Preston at
New York, and Send the Roebucks Tender back to me with
an account of your proceedings; making the best of your way
afterwards with the Sloop under your command to join the
Admiral without further loss of time.

Given on board His Majestys Ship the
Roebuck in the Delaware this 10th June 1777

A S H - d

To
Lieutenant Col^l Knight
Commander of the Armed Sloop
the *Harlem*

By Captain And ¹⁰ Thos Hammond Esq

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my command and follow all such Orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me for His Majesty's Service, until further

Order — Given on board His Majesty's Ship the *Roebuck* in the *Delaware* the 12th June 1777

To
The Honble Captain Phipps
of the *Camilla*
Captain Linzee of the
Pearl

J. A. H.

By Captain And ¹⁰ Thos Hammond Esq

Lieut. John Graves commanding His Majesty's Ship the *Camilla* having signified to me by letter of this date, that there is a quantity of Flour onboard the said Ship which is musty and full of Weevils, and not fit for Men to eat, requesting an order that the same may be surveyed.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship the *Camilla*, and there take a strict and careful Survey of the Flour complained of, and if you find it as represented, you are to see it delivered into the charge of the Purser to be returned into His Majesty's Store, reporting to me from under your hands in the most impartial manner your proceedings therein.

To
The Master of H. M. S.
the *Roebuck*, and Masters of the
Pearl &
Camilla

Given on b^d the *Roebuck* in the *Delaware* the 14th June 1777
J. A. H.

By Captain Andrew Inape Homond &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause
the company of His Majesty's Ship under your command
to be put at whole allowance of all Species of Provisions
and continue the same until further order

To
The Hon^{ble} Captain Phipps
of His Majesty's Ship
the
Camilla

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roubuck in the Delaware on the
13th June 1774

A. I. H.

By Captain Andrew Inape Homond &c.

Captain Kieve commander of His Majesty's Sloop
the Merlin having represented to me by Letter of this date,
that there are a quantity of Bread and Butter on board in
a decayed State, not fit for men to eat, and is also a
nuisance in the Sloop; requesting an order to Survey the
same: You are hereby required and directed to repair on
board His Majesty's Sloop the Merlin and there take a strict and
careful Survey of the Bread and Butter complained of and if
you find them as represented, you are to see the Bread thrown
overboard into the Sea, and the Butter ^{del} returned into the charge
of her Purser to be returned into His Maj^y Store, in case the
Boatswain should not want it for the Sloop's use; Reporting to
me from under your hands in the most impartial manner
your proceedings therein, when and where they are, and to what
cause you judge the dispute. Given on b^d His Majesty's

To
The Master of His Maj^y Ship
the Roubuck -
Pearl
Camilla

Ship the Roubuck in the Delaware the
22nd June 1774

Roebuck in the Delaware the 24 June 1777

Merr^{um}

Have an order to Survey Bread and Butter in
the Roebuck —

Masters of the
Pearl, Camilla & Merlin —

Have an order to Survey Flour and Butter in
the Pearl —

Masters of the
Roebuck, Camilla & Merlin.

Have an order to Survey a Portion of Rum
Partly Sealed out in the Betsey Victualing Transport —

Masters of the Roebuck,
Pearl and Camilla }

Have an order to Survey Bread in the Camilla

Masters of the Roebuck,
Pearl and Merlin }

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond
&c.

You are hereby directed to take the
Betsey Victualing Transport under your Convoy and
proceed with all convenient dispatch to New York,
waiting the orders of the commander in chief for
your further proceedings.

Given onboard His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck in the Delaware the
25th June 1777

To
Lieutenant Wallboff
Commanding His Majesty's
armed Sloop the York

A. S. Hammond

By Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause to be
Received on board His Majesty's Ship under your command
from the Petry Virtualizing Transport the Proportion of Provision
as following vizt

Bread	4908 pounds
Rum	569 Gallons.
Beef	718
Pork	1668
Flour	1323
Lard	300
Raisins	400
Pease	32
Oatmeal	32
Butter	583 pounds
Oil	56 Gall. in two Jars
Vinegar	133 Gallons
Candles	5 Boxes

taking care that proper Receipts are Given for the same.

To
The Honble Captain Phipps
of His Majesty's Ship
the Camilla

Given on board His Majesty's Ship the Roebuck
in the Delaware the 25. June 1777.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond Esq. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to
Receive from His Majesty's Ships in this Bay, on board the said
Sloop under your command, the number of Recruits and
Prisoners that shall be sent on board, and dispose of them
on your Arrival at New York, as the commander in chief
there shall direct.

To Lieut. Wallbeoff
Commanding His M. Armie Sloop
the Yorke

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck in the Delaware the 26 June
1777. A. S. Hammond

Mem^o -

Roebuck in Delaware Bay 17th June 1777

In consequence of Captain Sizer of the Pearl, representing
that the Outer best and small Bower cables were unfit for
their proper use, gave an order to Survey the same
To
The Master & Boatswain
of the Roebuck and Mast of the Merlin

Mem^o -

Roebuck 18th July 1777

Issued an ord^r to Captain Sizer to supply the
Merlin with 1000 w^t. Junk -

Roebuck 18th July 1777

Mem^o - Issued an ord^r to the Master and Boatswain of the
Pearl and Mast^r of the Merlin to Survey one outer best B^c. Cable
one byot and one Main topmast Stays^r on b^t the Roebuck -

Roebuck 23rd July 1777

Mem^o - Issued an order to Captain Sizer of the Pearl
to cause his Boatswain to supply the Roebuck, with one
Bower Anchor -

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq^r
Lt^o

You are hereby required and directed to put
yourself under my command and follow all such
Orders and directions as you shall from time to time
receive from me for His Majesty's Service.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck in Delaware Bay the
30th July 1777.

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To
Captain Bellon
of His Majesty's Ship
the Liverpool

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond
commander of His Majesty's Ship Roebuck

In consequence of Orders from the commander in
chief you are hereby directed to proceed with His Majesty's
Ship under your command to New York, where you are to
deliver the enclosed dispatches to Commodore Hotham, and
follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck in Delaware Bay the
30th July 1777
A. S. H.

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Captain Tyringham Howe
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Thames.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hamond
commander of His Majesty's Ship Roebuck

Notwithstanding any former Orders; you are
hereby required and directed (on account of the Roebuck's
having run aground) to take the Two Transports named
in the Margin under your Convoy and proceed with
them as far as the Capes of Virginia, where you are
to deliver the enclosed letter to the senior Captain of
His Majesty's Ships and follow his directions for your
further proceedings.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck near Poole Island
Chesapeake Bay the 2^d Sept. 1777

Mars
Tenny
To Captain Mollay
Comm^d of His Majesty's Ship
the Senegal

Mem^o ^o ^o

Head Quarters of the River Palomares
Chesapeake Bay 5th Sep^r 1777

Gave an order to Survey defective Bread
Complained of.

By Capt. Andrew Snape Hammond &c.

The importance of the Service now carrying
on in the River Delaware making it necessary to
increase the Naval force placed here by the
Commander in Chief; as well to be able to repel
any attempts that may be made by the Enemy, as
to give assistance to the Army now carrying on
their Operations against the Rebels in this vicinity,
You are hereby required and directed (notwithstand-
-ing any former Orders) to put yourself under my
Command, and follow all such directions as you
may receive from me for His Majesty's Service,
untill further Order.

To
Captain Symonds
Commander of H.M.S.
Solebay.

Given onboard H.M.S. Roebuck in
the River Delaware 10th Sept. 1777.

A. J. Hammond.

List of Paroles correspondent to the
different Signal Pendants placed in
the same Line for the Times undermen-
tioned.

Paroles.				Pendant.	Flag-Staff
From the 1 st to 17 th Sept. inclusive	From 18 th to 24 th Sept. inclusive	From 25 th Sept. to 1 st Oct. inclusive	From 2 nd Oct. to 8 th inclusive		
Maidstone	Newark	Pembroke	Prochester	Red.	Main topmast head
Palmouth	Chester	Bath.	Howard	White.	
Bideford	Marlborough	Chichester	London	Blue.	
Dartmouth	Sheffield	Winchester	Exeter.	Yellow.	
Sussex.	Canterbury	Hereby	York.	English	Fore topmast head
Portsmouth	Hampstead	Blandford	Greenwich	Red.	
Hastings	Deptford.	Dover.	Middlesex	White.	
Solchester.	Kingston	Ipswich.	Windsor.	Blue.	

Mem.

The determination and answer to these
Paroles, as well as all other Signals respecting Guard
Boats, are to be understood to be the same in every
respect as those established by the Commander in
Chief off of Staten Island in 1776. And should there
at any time appear to be occasion to make any
addition to them, the Captains of the respective
Ships will have proper notice given them thereof.

To

Given onboard HMS Proebuck in the Delaware
the 10th Septem^r. 1777

Capt. Belieu — Liverpool.
Honble C. Phipps. Camilla.
Capt. Symonds. Solebay.
Lingee — Pearl.
Reeve — Merlin.

A. S. Hammond.

Order of Sailing and Anchoring.

Probucks.

Camilla.

Liverpool

Transports.

Solebay.

Pearl.

Merlin.

But it is intended frequently to vary the Mode of Anchoring in order to prevent the Enemy from becoming acquainted with the positions of the Ships: Whenever I would have the Squadron come to Anchor in a line of Battle at 2 Cables length distant, I will hoist with the Signals for Anchoring and forming the Line, the Quarter Flag at the same time to express the bearing each Ship shall have from the other. If at three Cables length distant a Pendant will be hoisted over the Anchoring Signal, but if at one Cables length only, the Pendant will be put under the Signal Flag. In either of these cases the Merlin is to take her Station on the side of the Line nearest to the Enemy, and the Transports on the opposite side of the Probucks.

Given onboard His Majesty's Ship the
Probucks the 11th Septem^r. 1777.

A. S. Hamond.

To

Capt. Bellet ——— Liverpool.

Symonds ——— Solebay

Honble C. Phipps — Camilla

Capt. J. Linzee ——— Pearl.

Merlin.

Order of Battle
for a Detachment of His Majesty's Ships as under-mentioned.

The Liverpool is to lead on the Starboard Tack. The Camilla is to lead on the Larboard Tack.				
Small Frigate, or Armed Vessel.	N ^o of Guns.	N ^o of Men.	Ships Names	Commanders.
	28	200	Liverpool	Capt. Henry Bellew.
	32	220	Pearl	John Linzee.
	44	280	Roebuck.	And ^{rs} Inape Hamond.
Merlin	18	125		Samuel Reeve.
	28	200	Solebay.	Thomas Symonds.
	20	160	Camilla	Hon ^{ble} C. Phipps.

N.B.

The Merlin is to keep to windward of the Squadron ^{to repeat all Signals &c.} to act as a Reserve, either to assist any of the Ships of the Line that may be attacked by Fire Ships, to fall upon the Enemy wherever it can be done to advantage. But in case the Squadron should come to Action with the Enemy in shallow-water she is then to keep a head on either Tack to give timely Notice to the Ships if they should be in danger of running a ground.

Order of Retreat

Merlin.

Pearl.

Liverpool

Transports

Roebuck.

Solebay

Camilla

To
Capt. Bellew — Liverpool.
Symonds — Solebay.
Honble C. Phipps — Camilla.
Capt. J. Linzee — Pearl.
J. Reeve — Merlin.

Given on board the Roebuck the 12 Sept-
1777
A. S. Hamond

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General directions for the Night Guard
intended to be established; which will occa-
sionally be altered as circumstances may
require.

1/ A Lieutenant from one of the Ships will have
the Charge & directions of all the out Guard Boats
to be employed during the ensuing Night, whose
Signal will be made the preceeding Afternoon from
the Proebuck.

2/ One out Guard boat suitably provided with Fire
Arms, Cutlasses, half-Pikes, Powder Flasks or Grenades
and Fire Grapnels, to be commanded by a trusty Mate
or Midshipman, and one inferior Petty Officer, is to
be sent every evening by Sun-set onboard the Ship most
advanced towards the Enemy, where they will have
orders given them, and receive the Watch word from
the Lieutenant of the Guard.

3/ A Long-Boat from each Ship provided as above,
together with a small Anchor and Hawser is always
to be kept in readiness along side of the Ship, unless
ordered on the out Guard duty; and another occasional
Guard Boat, equipped as before mentioned is to be
kept either along side of the Ship, or hooked in the
Yard Tackles, to be in readiness to proceed to the
assistance of the out Guard Boat, whenever the Signal
shall be made for that purpose, at a moments
warning.

4/ Each Officer commanding a Guard Boat is to have
such part of the Signals given to him, as may be
necessary for his own conduct.

5/ Should the Enemy make any attempts upon
the Squadron during the Night, each Ship is to
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make herself known, ~~as was the Roebuck shall~~
by hoisting the distinguishing Lights, ordered to be
worn on that occasion.

To
Given on board the Roebuck the 12th Sept
1777 in the River Delaware.

Captain Bellew. --- Liverpool.

Symonds --- Solebay.

Honble Charles Phipps - Camilla.

Captain Linzee. --- Pearl.

Creve --- Merlin.

Aff Hammond.

By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond &c

It having been judge & expedient that M^r
John M. Hinley a Rebel Prisoner now at Wilmington
should be removed from thence to one of His Majesty's
Ships for the more certain Security of his Person;
You are therefore hereby required and directed to
receive him onboard the Ship you Command; where
he is to be accomodated with an Officers berth, allowed
the liberty of being upon deck (at proper times) during
the day time, under the Charge of a Centinel; and in
all respects treated with Civility: but is to be strictly
forbid and prevented from having any intercourse
with any Person from the Shore except in the presence
of an Officer, and kept as much as possible from
conversing with the Ships Company.

To
Given onboard the Roebuck off of Wilming-
ton 20th Septem^r 1777.

Capt. Tho^s Symonds

Solebay.

Aff Hammond

By Captain Andrew Inape Hammond
Esq.

Whereas the Liverpool has received damage by grounding on the sunk frames off Billingsport in attempting the Removal of them, and the Admiral has thought proper to direct her to be hove down for repairing that Injury. You are therefore hereby required to proceed on that business with all the Expedition the state of the Weather will admit; and such assistance of Shipwrights, or other Artificers will be given by - M^r Thompson, Ship builder at Philadelphia, as you may judge to be absolutely necessary for the occasion.

Capt. H. Bellw
— Liverpool.

Given onboard the Roebuck at
Philadelphia 7. Decem^r. 1777.
A. Hammond.

By Captain Andrew Inape Hammond Esq.

Whereas the Lord Viscount Howe Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, has appointed the Pearl to be one of the Ships intended to remain in this River for the Protection of the Town of Philadelphia, and to keep an open communication therewith. You are therefore hereby required and directed as soon as the Transports intended for Philadelphia shall have left Billingsport, to take the first opportunity of passing the upper Chevaux de frise to the Anchorage off Mud Island, where you are to give all possible assistance to Lieutenant Barker employed in raising the Ship Juliana, a Navy Victualer; and if it should appear that there is but little prospect of succeeding, so
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as to bring the Ship to Town, immediate attention is
to be given to get as much of the Cargo out as
possible, before the Ice forms in the River; and
for this purpose the Ship may be destroyed if the
Cargo cannot otherways be taken out.

Given onboard the Roebuck at Philadel-
phia the 7th Decem^r. 1777.

Capt. Linzee

_____ Pearl.

A. Hammond

By Capt. Andrew Snape Hammond Sec^y

Whereas His Majesty's Ship the Camilla
under your Command is one of the Ships appropri-
ated for the Protection of the Town of Philadelphia
and guard of the Transports from the insults of
the Enemy during the ensuing Winter; You are
therefore hereby required to place the Camilla in
the situation best adapted for that purpose untill
the state of the weather makes it necessary to take
shelter at the Wharfs from the effects to be apprehended
from the Ice, at which time a proper situation
will be assigned for that purpose.

The Honble Cha^s Phipps
_____ Camilla.

Given &c. 7th Decem^r. 1777.
A. Hammond

Capt. Henry

_____ Vigilant

Watt.

_____ Delaware

Lieut^t Brown

_____ Cornwallis Galley.

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By Captain Andrew Snape Hammond Esq.

The Horse-Shoe Land being a Shoal Vessels often ground upon, and Newtown Creek, as well as Timber Creek being places of refuge for Boats. You are hereby directed to Station the Schooner under your Command, near Gloucester point; in order to give Assistance to Vessels going up and down that may require it and protecting them from Insults from the Boats from the Rebel Shore.

You are to remain on this Service until the Transports have all passed, or until the State of the Weather may render it necessary to Shelter the Schooner at a Wharf in the Town to avoid the effects of the Ice.

Lieut. Edward Pakenham

Given &c. - 9th December 1777 -

A. Hammond

Viper Schooner.

By &c. &c.

The present appointment of the Experiment being to prevent the Rebels from obstructing the passage of the Chevaux de Frize, or Sunk-frames, at Killingsport; it is necessary that you continue on that Service as long as from the state of the Weather you may judge to be practicable, or until the Ships allowed to Sail from this Port till the 24th Instant shall have passed by. You are then hereby required to proceed down towards the Capes of the Delaware, to prevent the Rebels from getting Supplies into any of the lower parts of the River, and to prevent Ships and Vessels from attempting to come up to the Town whilst you judge the Navigation to be impracticable.

When the Season of the Year shall be still more advanced, and it appears to you necessary for

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the safety of the Ship to quit the Delaware entirely; You are then to cruise off of Egg Harbour, and along the Coast to the Southward at such distances from the Shore as circumstances and the Weather will allow of; or as you may judge most proper for the purpose of intercepting any of the Enemy's Armed Vessels, or the Trade (which from Information) the Rebels intend and expect to carry on during the Winter Months, in the different Inlets, between Cheapeake Bay, and the Delaware.

And whereas Intelligence has been received that a Dutch Ship is now loading at S.^t Eustatius, which is intended for little Egg Harbour, and is expected to arrive there about the 10.th January, the cruising off that Port, when the Weather allows you no longer to remain with Safety in the Delaware, is, therefore, to be the first Object of your attention.

As soon as the Season of the Year will admit of your laying with safety within the bays of the Delaware, which will be towards the latter end of February, the River being by that time allways clear of the Ice, it is material that you use your best endeavors to attain the Anchorage between the Brown and Brandy Wine Lands, giving me the earliest account possible of your arrival, and wait there until you are released by one of the Frigates from hence, or until you shall receive further Orders.

In case you should meet with any Ships at Sea, that have Dispatches for the Admiral, or have Orders to join the Fleet in America, you are to acquaint them this Lordships Rendezvous is Rhode Island, until about the middle of March; after that time in the River Delaware.

The several Chevaux de Froze Pilots ordered to the Experiment are to be put onboard any of His Majestys Ships that you may meet with bound hither in the Spring of the Year, but no Merchant Ships unless sufficiently

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sufficiently armed is to be permitted to come up the River until you shall have ascertained that the Passage of the Chevaux de Frise has not been further obstructed by the Enemy during the absence of the Men of War.

The Admiral judging it necessary to cause an alteration to be made in the Monthly Change of Signals established for the purpose of the Ships under his Lordship's Command to know each at meeting, you will please to take notice that those Signals intended for the months of March and September are now to be used instead of those for January and July as is expressed below, and that the Alteration is to take place the 1st of January next.

Given &c.

Sir James Wallace

A. Hammond.

Experiment.

By &c &c

The Rebecca Ordnance Transport, Joseph Furnace Master, having struck on the Chevaux de Frise sunk by the Enemy to obstruct the Navigation of the River, and being thereby filled with Water, it becomes necessary that what Stores can be taken out of her should be removed. You are therefore hereby authorised and required to take a strict and careful Survey of such Stores as may be saved out of the Rebecca Ordnance Transport, and deliver the same into the Charge of M. Christopher Farlam, Gunner of His Majesty's Ship Probus, for which Stores He is to give to the Master of the said Transport proper Receipts, reporting to me from under

To the respective Gunners of our Hands the particulars thereof, and an impartial Account of your proceedings therein. The
of HM Ships at Chitab. or any three of them. Given &c 9 Dec 1777
A. Hammond.

By Order

Whereas you have represented to me that the Crew of His Majesty's Armed Ship, under your Command, suffer very much by the Weather at this inclement Season for want of suitable Cloathing and there not being a sufficient Assortment of Navy Slops in the Squadron to answer their necessary demands. You are ~~therefore~~ hereby authorised and required to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Armed Ship under your Command to Purchase such Slops as may be requisite for the Use of the Ships Company; taking care the same is done at as easy a Rate as possible, and that they are good and fit for the purpose. The Purser will be also to procure proper Vouchers for the Slops he may so purchase, and the Prices paid by him for the different Articles are to be charged against the Men receiving any thereof upon the Ships Books in a distinct Column under the head of purchased Slops.

To
Lieut. James Watt
Commanding H.M. Armed Ship
Delaware.

Given for the 9. Decem. 1777—
J. Hammond.

By Order

The very Sickly State of the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under my Command, rendering it absolutely necessary to establish a place for Sick Quarters on Shore for the more speedy Recovery of the Sick; and whereas I have thought fit to nominate You to officiate as Principal Surgeon to

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to take care of, and attend such Sick & Hurt Seamen
and others as shall be from time to time sent Sick
on Shore from His Majesty's Ships & Vessels at
Philadelphia. You are hereby authorized and
required to take upon You the Office of Principal
Surgeon to take care of, and attend the Sick and
Hurt Seamen, Marines and Others sent from His
Majesty's Ships at Philadelphia, and to continue in
the Exercise of the several Duties appertaining to that
Office accordingly untill further Order; with an
allowance of ten Shillings Sterling $\text{\textit{p}}^{\text{r}}$ Diem for
your Care and trouble in executing the Duty of
said Office, and five Shillings Sterling $\text{\textit{p}}^{\text{r}}$ diem
for an Assistant. And you are in consequence,
to take upon You the Care of all such Sick and
Hurt Seamen, Marines, and Others as shall be sent
Sick on Shore; taking care that your proceedings
in discharging the Duty of the said Office are conforma-
ble to the usual Custom of the Navy, for which
this shall be your Warrant.

Given $\text{\textit{p}}^{\text{r}}$ 11 Decem^r 1777.

Asst. Hammond

To
M^r. Richard Clark
hereby appointed to officiate as
Principal Surgeon to take care of, and
attend the Sick and Hurt Seamen
Marines & Others sent from His Maj.
Ships & Vessels to Sick Quarters at
Philadelphia.

By Gen. Gen

The very Sickly state of the Ships & Vessels
here under my Orders rendering it expedient to
have an Hospital on Shore; and it being necessary
in consequence to Appoint a Person to provide the
said Hospital with all kind of Stores and Provisions
Medicines and Necessaries. You are hereby authorised
and directed to furnish the said Hospital with
all such Stores, Medicines, Provisions & Necessaries
as the Surgeon may think necessary for the
Use and Recovery of the Patients under his Care,
on the best terms you can for the Crown; drawing
Bills for your necessary Disbursements approved
by myself or the Commissioners of the Sick and
Wart to whom you are to be accountable for your
proceedings herein, for which this shall be your
Order.

Given Gen^l 11 Decem^r. 1777

W^m Hammond

To
M^r J^r Mason

hereby appointed to furnish
the Hospital at Philadelphia
with Stores Medicines and Provisions.

W^m B.

Lieut. Thomas Spry being Appointed to Succeed
Lieut. John Brown in the Command of His Majestys
Row Gallery the Cornwallis; Ordered Surveys to
be taken of the different Stores, dated 10 Decem^r.
1777

Directed to the respective
Boatswains, Gunners, Carpenters and
Cooks of His Majestys Ships & Vessels at Philadelphia
or any three of each of them

By Gen. Gen.

Whereas from the scarcity of Provisions in the Town of Philadelphia, there is much difficulty in procuring Artificers to Refit His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in this River, unless they are Victualled onboard the several Ships they may be so employed in; and much time may be saved thereby. You are hereby directed to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to Victual at whole Allowance the hired Artificers employed in Careening and refitting the Liverpool -

Given Gen 12 Decem. 1777

A. Hammond.

To
Capt. H. J. Belieu
Liverpool

By Gen. Gen.

Whereas it has been judged expedient that the Ship Delaware, taken from the King's rebellious Subjects, should be employed as an Armed Ship in His Majesty's Service; And whereas no Person has appeared to take upon them the Employment of Gunner onboard the said Ship, I have thought fit to appoint You to officiate in that Employ for the time being. You are therefore hereby authorized and required forthwith to repair onboard His Majesty's said Armed Ship the Delaware and take upon You the Employment of Gunner accordingly, until further Order, taking care to

Comply

Comply as well with the General Printed In-
structions as with such Orders and Directions
as you shall from time to time receive from
the Commander of the said Armed Ship, or any
other your Superior Officer for His Majesty's
Service.

Given by th 25 Decem^r 1777

To M^r J^r Benson

W^m Hammond.

hereby appointed to officiate
for the time being as Gunner
of His Majesty's Armed Ship
the Delaware.

By Gen. Gen.

Intelligence having been this Instant
received that a Transport with some Troops, and
Cloathing for the Army, has run on Shore about
four Miles above Wilmington Creek, on the Pennsyl-
vania Shore; which if not soon got off will be
in danger of falling into the hands of the Enemy.

You are therefore without a moments loss of time
to proceed immediately down the River to the above-
mentioned place, and use your best endeavours to
get the Transport afloat, but if that shall be found
to be impracticable you are then to take the People
out with such of the Cargo as you can stow, and destroy
the Vessel, so that the Enemy may not be able to take
possession of her. When having so done you are to
make the best of your way back to the Town of Phila-
delphia.

In case from the Severity of the Weather
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and the Ice forming in the River you should
not be able to get up to the Town, You will find
Shelter at the Piers of Mud-Island, or at the Piers
of Puddy Island; But should you find either of
these places unsafe from Attempts of the Enemy,
you are then at liberty to proceed to New York,
or Rhode Island until you have reason to
believe the Navigation of the River Delaware
may be again open, when you are without loss
of time to repair hither.

To

Lieut. Edw. Pakenham
Commanding His Maj. Armed Schooner
the Viper.

Given &c the 29th Decem^r 1777
Jth Hammond.

Probus 29th Decem^r 1777

Sir,

I am extremely sorry to be obliged to
employ you on so disagreeable a Service, but
the necessity is obvious.

The Ship went on Shore yesterday and
the Pilot who came up this morning tells me he
left her in a fair way of getting off this High Water,
so that I am in great hopes you will meet her
on your way.

The General is extremely anxious to
get her up, but of that you and the Pilot Dilworth
(whom I send with you) will be the best judges.
If you are of opinion she cannot be got up, then

endeavour

endeavour to get the People and the Cloathing
up. but if neither can be done, then you are
to follow the Orders I have given you. If you
have not six Weeks Provisions on board you
may have what you want out of the Roebuck
but no time must be lost. Set off this Afternoon
and lay all Night at the Piers of Mud Island
and go from thence in the Morning

I am

Yr

A Hammond.

Lieut. Cakenham

— Viper Schooner.